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- 25X1 1. On 14 October 1950, the Cominform division for Western industry and trade unions met for a four-day conference in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Among the subjects discussed during that time was the proposed transfer of the Western trade union offices of the Cominform to East Berlin. This proposal did not meet with approval, however, on the ground that since the East German trade union leaders had lived under fascism for twelve years and then under a system resembling that of the Peoples' Democracies since 1945, they were not as familiar with the problems of Western unions as were Czech trade union functionaries who had worked until 1938 under conditions more similar to those of the West. This appears to be a significant decision since the German delegation within the trade union division of the Cominform represents the sole exponent of the policies of the Cominform's political secretariat.
- 25X1 2. As a result of this conference [redacted] the plans for an international trade union newspaper fallen through [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] Conflict within the
- 25X1 Cominform is very strong and cannot be eliminated in the near future by large-scale purges or extreme measures. Responsible Cominform groups will attempt to reach a compromise. The Russians have not yet participated in these discussions
- 25X1 and it is impossible to predict their attitude.

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